

Appln. No. 09/980,823  
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-8 Cancelled

9 (Currently Amended). A method for treating a neurological disease or disorder comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of IL6RIL6 chimera, ~~optionally together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~

10 (Currently Amended). A method for treating multiple sclerosis (MS), Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of IL6RIL6 chimera, ~~optionally together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~

11 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 9, wherein the neurological disease or disorder treated is traumatic nerve degeneration, a demyelinating disease of the central nervous system (CNS) or peripheral nervous system (PNS), and/or a neurodegenerative disease.

12 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 11, wherein the demyelinating disease treated is multiple sclerosis (MS).

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13 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 11, wherein the neurodegenerative disease treated is selected from the group consisting of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and ALS.

14 (New). A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein said IL6RIL6 chimera is administered together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15 (New). A method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said IL6RIL6 chimera is administered together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.